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NETWORKS OF DIFFERENT TYPES AND GATEWAY APPARATUS

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 is a U.S. counterpart of Document A4.

Documents A2-A12 listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An English translation of the foreign language documents is not readily available; however, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached.


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